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Publishers' Announcement

The Saturday News is just at present suffering from what might be termed an excess of prosperity. Though enlarged from 12 to 16 pages only last October, its business has grown beyond the mechanical facilities at its disposal and this week it has not only had to turn away advertising matter but the editorial staff has found it impossible to secure as much space as it believes is necessary for the proper handling of the various departments that it conducts from week to week. A remedy, however, we are glad to say, is near at hand.

A complete mechanical equipment of our own is being rapidly installed in new premises which have been obtained on Howard Street, directly back of the Bank of Montreal, from which at an early date the Saturday News will be issued in greatly enlarged form. A fifty per cent increase in its size is now contemplated while facilities will be available for further enlargement as business warrants.

In addition to printing the Saturday News, the company will be prepared very shortly to handle all kinds of job work.

At the beginning of next week, the business and editorial office will be moved to the new building from the present quarters in the Sandison Block, which have been occupied since the establishment of the paper.

Note and Comment

"For Rent—One comfortable furnished room, central, bath and Alberta sunshine." So a notice ran in a daily paper this week. With such a combination to offer the owner should have been soon inundated with applications. The notice is cited for the purpose of showing how closely sunshine and Alberta are coming to be associated. The man who first made use of the expression "Sunny Alberta" deserves to have a monument erected to his memory. The phrase, in everyday use in our midst, has gone round the world and has done more than anything else, we venture to say, to attract people to this part of the Canadian West. Nor is it a meaningless expression, as sometimes such expressions are. The sunshine that has made Alberta famous is best described by a single epithet. It is glorious. A few who have happened to visit the province during the short rainy season have gone away and made disparaging remarks about the phrase. Their criticism is in no way warranted. The country wouldn't be good for anything if it had no rainfall. We have enough to raise abundant crop season after season and we are thankful for it. But, taking the year as a whole, it is safe to say that nowhere else on the continent does the sun shine more brightly or more continuously. Nor do these conditions involve a reduction of energy, as is the case further south where the sun is strongly in evidence. The climate is at the same time as invigorating as one could wish. Among all its great assets, Alberta has none more valuable than this.

Rev. Dr. E. D. McLaren has broken into the Mormon controversy with a letter to the Toronto Globe. He goes into the history of Mormonism in the country to the south. What has that to do with present conditions in Canada? Are we to exclude members of other religious denominations from our

citizenship because their churches have in days gone by countenanced certain actions, which the general body of Canadian public opinion does not approve of? Dr. McLaren admits that "it may be true that no Canadian Mormon is maintaining polygamous relations and it is certainly true that only a small percentage of the members of the church, even in Utah, ever practised polygamy." Should we, then, have excluded these Albertan citizens, who are obeying our laws and leading peaceful, industrious lives, simply because some years back some of their co-religionists did something which if they had been living in Canada at the time they could have been prosecuted for? Dr. McLaren's complaint is that the Mormons have never disavowed belief in polygamy. That is the anti-Mormon argument in a nut shell; and we are brought face to face with the broad question as to whether a man's belief should be a test of citizenship. It was for many centuries but we thought that it was now commonly accepted that so long as a man obeyed the law he was entitled to be regarded as the equal of anyone else under the law. A great churchman, the late Mr. Gladstone, once made a remark in discussing a much criticized ecclesiastical appointment which is worthy of general application. "I think," he said "it is a most formidable responsibility in these times to doubt any man's character on account of his opinions."

The Evening Journal declares that it cannot understand by what course of reasoning the Saturday News arrives at the conclusion that the seven o'clock closing of the bars is unreasonable, while anxious to have the hours changed from half past eleven to ten. Our readers were informed last week why we thought the latter change should be made. As for the further reduction, we believe that it would be much preferable to abolish the

bar altogether. Why does the law permit the existence of bars at all? It does so in recognition of the fact that men are in the habit of getting together and spending a certain part of their time in pursuits associated with what they call good-fellowship, which involves the purchase and consumption of a certain amount of liquor. It believes that it is better to allow them to do so, under certain restrictions, than to prohibit the existence of such places of public entertainment altogether. When it has taken the latter course, it has frequently found it a very difficult matter to enforce the law and that men still congregated under conditions that did them much greater harm than those with which we are more familiar. The State suffered a loss of revenue and the accommodation afforded the travelling public deteriorated. The Saturday News is not attempting to defend either the customs referred to or the state's method of dealing with them. It is merely stating certain facts. Now the time when men are most likely to congregate after the fashion described is in the evening. If between the hours of seven and ten, no liquor could be sold, the bar would practically fail to serve the purpose for which it was instituted and the Saturday News believes that it would be much better to abolish it altogether than to attempt to enforce the law with such a restriction.

The Alberta Legislature this week bringing a busy session to a close. A great deal of solid work has been done, which has hardly aroused the public interest that it should have.

In this, as in many other respects, the need of an efficient opposition is shown. A few spectator features are necessary to direct popular attention to political affairs and a Wednesday night prayer meeting is often a most exciting affair as compared with the ordina-



A SUBURBAN BEAUTY SPOT.

Looking up Rat Creek Ravine from the River.

One of the prize photographs in the amateur competition recently conducted by the Saturday News.

ry sitting of the provincial House.

Considering the free hand which it has had and the disadvantage under which it has labored from the absence of intelligent criticism of its measures, the government has done exceedingly well and, so far as the Saturday News can see, has made few mistakes. Some of its steps will prove of far-reaching consequence and will have an important effect beyond the bounds of the province. This is notably the case with the policy which it has announced of constructing and operating its own telephone lines. The liquor law amendments bring about important changes, restricting licenses to municipalities and forcing licenses to greatly increase the accommodation which they afford the travelling public.

The bill establishing a high court and district courts for the province will introduce an entirely new order of things in respect to judicial procedure.

Large public works have been undertaken but the premier, who is also provincial treasurer, was able to announce in his budget speech a surplus of \$556,000. However, he took occasion to state that it was not the policy of his administration to hoard up a surplus, for which there could be no justification in a young province with so many needs as our own. Among the chief expenditures during the coming year will be those for court houses in Edmonton, Cardston and Wetaskiwin, a land titles office at Calgary and a jail at Lethbridge. The initial outlay on an asylum and a reformatory will also be made. A site for a University, including an Agricultural college, will be purchased at a cost of \$150,000, to be not less than 200 or 300 acres, and it is hoped to have classes commence by the autumn of 1908. On top of all this, there will, of course, be the construction of the parliament buildings so that a very active year is in prospect.

The decision of the Edmonton Council to submit a bylaw for the purpose of granting \$50,000 to the new hospital, the grant to be given on condition of civic control of the institution, is one that should meet with general approval. The principle laid down by Ald. Gariepy that the city should make no grants to any but a municipal hospital is a thoroughly correct one. It is a public duty to provide accommodation for the sick and suffering and it is unfair and unsatisfactory to leave the responsibility of securing it to the benevolent instincts of individuals. This does not mean that the institution should not be open to receive gifts from those who are charitably disposed. Its usefulness may be much increased by these but its existence should not be dependent upon them. With the great growth that is ahead of Edmonton, it is extremely necessary that the city should have a commodious and well-equipped hospital and those gentlemen who have made the first move towards providing it deserve to receive the most thorough-going support from the general public.

Note and Comment.

The report brought down by the Edmonton Commissioners on Tuesday night regarding the negotiations for a C.P.R. entrance shows what a difficult problem they have had to solve. The proposition to narrow the subway to sixty feet and to secure twenty feet from the front of the lots on each side of Jasper Avenue in blocks 9 and 10 appeared to afford a satisfactory solution. This would give a forty foot roadway in front of the properties abutting on the sub-way. The company further suggested that it might locate its station on the three lots on the south-west corner of Ninth Street. In consideration of the increased value which this step would give the property nearby, it was thought that the owners could be induced to make a gift of the twenty foot strip required on each side of the street in order to facilitate a settlement. Satisfactory options were obtained by a C. P. R. official for two of the lots suggested for the station, but not on the third. Several of the property owners agreed to donate 20 feet in front of their property but McDougall & Secord, who own four lots in the north side of the street refused to do so, unless the C. P. R. should agree to pay a certain sum for two lots that it proposes to take for its right of way. The company refused to agree to this sum and the settlement was blocked. The property-owners affected, of course, know their own business best and no one has a right to call upon them to make any sacrifices for the public good. But it does not look as if the differences between the various parties to the negotiations are so great as to be insurmountable and the Saturday News, for its part, hopes that the agreement will be completed along the lines suggested. We want a subway and passenger deck on the railway bridge. To secure these, it is evidently necessary to make a bargain with the company rather than to submit the matter to the railway commission. The tentative arrangement left the city open to heavy damages in connection with the subway, but by this solution the danger of having to pay these is apparently avoided.

It is a fascinating story that Mr. E. N. Barker, has to tell on another page of what winter wheat has done for Southern Alberta. The transformation which has been wrought is one of the most marvellous that has ever taken place in the industrial life of the continent.

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Malting Barley, 30 to 40 cents per bush.
Average price Malting barley 35 cents.
Oats are in somewhat better demand at a slight increase in prices.

HAY.
Hay is practically unchanged from last week. Ruling prices about as follows:

Baled Hay in car lots—

Slough, \$10 to \$13 per ton.

Upland, \$14 to \$17 per ton.

Timothy, \$17 to \$20 per ton.

By the load on market square—

Slough, \$9 to \$14 per ton.

Upland, \$14 to \$17 per ton.

Timothy, \$17 to \$20 per ton.

Sheave Oats, \$8 to \$12 per ton.

Straw, \$4.50 to \$5 per load.

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PRODUCE MARKETS.

Eggs

Eggs are being brought in quite freely

and there is a lower tendency to prices.

Prices quoted are average prices being

paid to farmers —

Strictly fresh, 25 cents per doz.

Old stock by the case 20 to 23 cents.

BUTTER.

Prices rule about the same as last

week —

Fancy dairy, 1 pound prints, 30 cents.

Good to choice dairy in rolls 25 to 28 cts

Dairy, in tubs, 20 to 25 cents.

Creamery Butter, 30 to 35 cents per lb.

Old butter unsalable.

POTATOES

Good potatoes are selling for about 30

cents per bushel. A few loads brought in

by farmers were offered at 25 cents per

bushel.

Matthew Snow, deputy - ware-

house commissioner, will address a

meeting in Strathcona, on March

23rd at 2 p.m., in regard to ship-

ment of grain by farmers.

A Useful Establishment.

The women of Edmonton are in a

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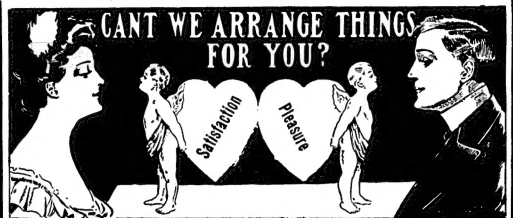
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With the Investors.

A building strike is said to be in prospect in Winnipeg. If it actually takes place, contractors would find it profitable to come on to Edmonton, where industrial peace is assured for the coming season and where there is much work to be done in housing the city's population. An unrivalled opportunity is open to capitalists to put up houses to rent.

Property transfers in Strathcona continues to be very numerous. Messrs. Sheppard, Sache & Walter have sold four lots at the corner of Whyte and Hardisty for \$20,000. The purchaser's name is not divulged.

The real estate men of Medicine Hat are petitioning the council to impose a license of \$50 on all real estate dealers, with \$10 for each additional member when there is more than one man in a firm.

It is stated in Vermilion that a large Winnipeg miller will erect a mill there this summer.

The Frank paper says that Alexander & Budd of Calgary will establish a cement plant in the Crow's Nest town. The Rocky Mountain Cement Company has been organized with a capital of \$600,000.

A financial firm, which promises to occupy an important place in the business life of Edmonton, has recently commenced operations. The reference is to Jasper's Limited, whose announcement appears in another part of this issue. The men at the head of the new company have been long and favorably known to the people of the city and their personality will win for it an unusual degree of confidence. The president is Hon. Senator Roy and the managing director, Mr. DeBlois Thibaudau, who has resigned the local managership of the Credit Foncier to accept the post.

The directors are Mr. J. E. Laurencelle, late manager of La Banque Provinciale du Canada in Edmonton, whose knowledge of local conditions, extending over a dozen years, will be of rare value in the superintendence of all investments made through the offices of Jasper's Limited, and Mr. Leon Bureau, banker of Versailles, France, who has extensive interests in Alberta and who makes yearly visits to the province.

Wilson and Walker have opened up a real estate office in the new office just completed at the West End of the Queen's Hotel and across the street from the Alberta. Mr. Wilson was formerly with the Canadian Northwest Co. and Mr. Walker was with Richardson, Kirkpatrick & Co. Both have a wide acquaintance in the city and with undoubtedly do their share of the Real Estate business of the city.

Gouin, Palmer & McIntyre have secured the exclusive sale of "Riverview" a finely located property within the city limits, commanding a magnificent view both up and down the river. It is situated on lot 22, just east of the government reserve. A boulevard skirts the edge of the bank which is not cut into by the lots and will make a beautiful driveway. This property furnishes an ideal residential section and the lots already sold have been purchased largely by business and professional men. This property has the advantage of being within the city limits, and yet is offered at a price but little above that of outside property and the terms of purchase extending over two years makes it possible for the man of moderate means to secure a very desirable site for a home.

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Commencing Monday, March 18th, the C. N. Ry. will resume daily passenger train service between Edmonton and Winnipeg. They will also put on a local passenger train between Edmonton and Battleford, which will leave Edmonton at 8 o'clock in the morning, and arrive at 6:20 in the evening.

MARRIED

McGowan—Handren—At Calgary, on March 2, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Murchy, W. J. McGowan of Frank to Miss Minnie A. Handren of Albert, N.B.

DIED

Ready—At Oshon on the 1st inst., James Ready, aged 70 years.

McDonald—In Calgary on March 9th, George B. McDonald, auditor for P. Burns & Co., aged 35 years.

Langford—In Calgary on March 9, Rev. Frederick Langford, B.D., former pastor of Central Methodist Church in that city, aged 37 years.

Speakman—At the residence of her sister, Mrs. James Smith, six miles south-west of Red Deer, Miss Catharine Speakman, sister of James Speakman, J.P., of Penhold.

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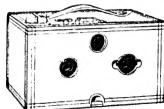
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With the Investor

There has been considerable activity during the past week in Edmonton suburban properties situated along the routes of the proposed street car lines as announced by the city council last week. This announcement has furnished investors with something definite as to the properties that will derive the greatest benefit from the car lines and the real estate offices that have been fortunate enough to have such properties for sale report a very good business the past week. There appears to be the greatest demand for such properties as Delton, Parkdale, Bellevue and the New Norwood Extension in the east end and

properties in the neighborhood of the Groat Estate in the west end.

In addition to the street car extension which the council has gone on record as being prepared to make after this summer's programme is completed, one that is being discussed quite generally, is westward across the Groat estate and south to the site of the new waterworks pumping station. A beautiful riverside park can be established there, while the line en route would pass through a section which is bound to become one of the best in the vicinity of the city for residential purposes. The establishment of an amusement park some distance out in the country has been a source of

considerable revenue to street car lines in other cities, and the Edmonton commissioners should give the matter careful consideration.

The First Presbyterian Church congregation has put a price of \$125,000 on its property at the corner of Jasper and Third, which is now on the market.

The purchase of the corner of Namayo and Sutherland by J. H. Finn from W. J. Forrester for \$7,000 is reported. Big changes are taking place on Namayo these days. The Cushing Company are commencing the erection of a \$40,000 office and warehouse building at the corner of Elizabeth.

F. M. Lannic has sold his share in the Hotel Cecil to his present partner, Mr. Boulanger, and to Mr. Oscar Tessier. The transaction represents a very handsome profit to Mr. Lannic on a few months of energetic effort, something in the neighbourhood of \$10,000 it is understood.

Y. S. Sheppard, the boy real estate dealer, who has been stirring things up in Calgary, was in Edmonton during the week.

The McLaughlin Carriage Co., of Oshawa, Ont., will erect a four story warehouse at the corner of Tenth avenue and second street east in Calgary.

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For Electric Light 96; Against 4.
For Hospital 87; Against 13.

The election held in Fort Saskatchewan to fill the vacancy in the town council resulted in the return of E. Simmons by a vote of 42 to 15 over J. E. McCartney.

A Kindergarten department is being established in connection with Lethbridge schools.

An old gentleman named David Hyndman, from Kemptville, Ont., became demented on board a C.P.R. train and was taken in charge by the Mounted Police at Medicine Hat.

Boring for gas will likely be proceeded with at Bowell, a new town near Medicine Hat.

A Board of Trade has been organized in Camrose with the following officers:

President—F. Adam.

Vice-President—R. L. Rushton.

Secretary-Treasurer—Frank Pike

Directors:

Chairman—Capt. Thomas.

E. M. Hyman, Ed. Thompson, Jno. Paulson, W. G. Duggan, Hiram Burgar, H. G. Vickery, Geo. Wells, V. Matejka.

Ald. G. W. Robinson has been appointed Secretary-Treasurer of Lethbridge in succession to C. B. Bowman.

The publisher of the Alberta Advocate at Red Deer has changed its name to Red Deer Advocate. Mr. Galbraith has effected a great improvement editorially and typographically in the paper since taking hold of it, and has recently installed a typesetting machine. Red Deer is fortunate in securing the services of a journalist of his ability and experience.

A French-Canadian named Albert Farren died from hemorrhage of the stomach at Medicine Hat while waiting to be taken to the guard-room at Lethbridge.

The action of the attorney-general's department against the Standard Soap Co., of Calgary, for conducting a lottery, in connection with a competition held by that firm was dismissed, the judge holding that prizes were won by the skill and judgment of the competitor.

Magrath contemplates incorporation and the Cardston Star remarks:—Magrath is a second Edmonton when it comes to every "man-jack" preaching Magrath as a little ahead in every respect of any other place on the top side of the earth. "Their first municipal election will be none of your 'granny, nampy pampy' affairs, either. There will be a red-hot contest and one well worth the admission fee. We can almost hear the rattle of guns at the present time.

The seven year old daughter of P. L. Garrett, living 40 miles east of Nanton, in the Reid Hill district, fell into an open well. A rope was lowered to her, which she grasped but let go when she had been pulled up to within a few feet of the top. The father then proceeded to go down into the well himself but had no sooner started than the walls gave way and buried the little girl. The body was recovered the next day.

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Next Month's Imperial Conference.

On the 15th of April, representatives of the colonies of Great Britain will assemble in London for the fourth time to confer regarding matters of mutual interest. It will be the most significant gathering of its kind that has ever been held; and this for a variety of reasons. Among those who are expected to be present is General Louis Botha, who only six years ago was in command of the Boer army in the field against the British forces but who the other day became the first premier of the Transvaal. He will take his place alongside the representatives of the other self-governing colonies. That in him the Empire will have a loyal and devoted servant there is no doubt. Here is the message which he recently sent to the people of the motherland:

"Britain will never have cause to regret the trust placed in the Boer people. We believe that prosperity and contentment can be achieved by legislating for the interests of all people by a conciliatory and just Administration. Many difficulties will have to be faced, but none which cannot be overcome, now that the two races are working together for the good of the Transvaal."

Did ever a country's institutions achieve a greater triumph in a shorter space of time? Should not every British subject experience a thrill of patriotic pride as he learns what has been accomplished in this instance by the application of those principles of liberty and justice, which are the essential characteristics of British policy? There is no sounder or saner Imperialist than Sir Wilfred Laurier, the representative of a race which became incorporated into the Empire as a result of conquest. The Canadian premier and the Transvaal premier sitting side by side at London should serve as an effective object lesson to the world.

The correspondence that has preceded the calling of the conference has been issued in pamphlet form. It should prove a document of historic importance. Among the suggestions made by Mr. Lytleton, Mr. Chamberlain's successor at the colonial office, in a circular letter issued in April 1905, was that the gathering should be known as an "Imperial Council" rather than "a colonial conference" and that a permanent commission be established to which matters which came up at the conference could be submitted for investigation.

Various replies were made to this proposal. With the general principle, Cape Colony expressed itself as in full accord but thought that the question of defining the constitution of the council should not be taken up at present. This decision was reached, so the colonial prime minister wrote, owing to "the remarkable dissimilarity prevailing

in the several self-governing colonies of the Empire, both in respect of the number and character of their people, and of their geographical inequalities, which render it impossible to propose any fair representation, proportional to the relative degree of importance and interest of each colony." The conferences, held up to date, were however, very useful, though only deliberative in their character, by reason of the fact that "they promoted action as well as stimulated sentiment."

Natal and Australia expressed their approval of the change in the name. Newfoundland was afraid that the result would be that it would be saddled with imperial burdens beyond its means. New Zealand delayed its reply till after the elections in that colony and it does not appear in the pamphlet. Canada expresses some doubt as to the wisdom of the change in the name, pointing out that "council" suggests "a permanent institution, which, endowed with a continuous life, might eventually come to be regarded as an encroachment upon the full measure of autonomous legislative power now enjoyed by the self-governing colonies." It proposes the term "Imperial Conference" instead. As to the idea of a permanent commission, the Dominion does not commit itself but declares that its representatives will give the matter close attention. The committee of the Privy Council of Canada, however, states that "they cannot wholly divest themselves of the idea that such a commission might interfere with the working of responsible government. Several of the other colonies make suggestions of subjects to be considered: Canada makes none whatever. The main question, however, that will come up will be that of the permanent constitution of the gathering itself. It is a big one and will give rise to much discussion. Within the space of the present article, the Saturday News certainly will not attempt to handle it. It will, however, promise to do so at a later date. In the meanwhile, the Dominion parliament is hastening its proceedings in order to allow the premier and the colleagues, who will accompany him, to reach England by the date agreed upon.

The Historical Society of Alberta

The officers chosen by the Historical Society of Alberta at the meeting on Monday night in the Legislative Chamber were:

Honorary President—Lieut.-Governor Bulvey.

Honorary vice-president—Hon. Frank Oliver.

President—Mr. H. B. Round
1st Vice-president—W. Fletcher Breden, M. P. (Athabasca).

2nd Vice-president—Mr Justice Stuart (Calgary).

Secretary—Mr. A. B. Watt.

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We have reached the fag end of the hockey season and everyone is anxious to jump into the summer sports. The Brackman-Ker Cup games, with the incidental excitement involved in referring the first of them to an august committee of the premier and two mayors, have aroused a little interest but not much. The second game, on Edmonton ice, resulted in a victory for the home team by 4-3. Sibbald was on in place of Blair and Kent resumed his place with Strathcona's forwards. In the third on Strathcona ice, Edmonton repeated its victory by 5-1. C. Banford was on the forward line, the elder Bloomfield being in too poor shape to play. This column is being prepared before it has been finally decided who is to have the silverware, three games out of five being necessary, but no one, after Monday's contest, seems to be in very much doubt.

In the absence of a regularly organized provincial league, no club can make an out and out claim to the championship, but on the strength of the games played, the standing should be about as follows: Edmonton, Strathcona, Calgary, Olds, Lacombe. A game between any two of the five clubs would be worth while going some distance to see and there are others which do not lag far behind. We have the makings of a first-class league and the enthusiasts in all these towns should start to work for it right away.

The record justifies me in placing Calgary where I do but the sporting editor of the Albertan will not be satisfied. He writes:

"It is to be regretted that the Calgary hockey team has not been able to get after the Edmonton hockey team, they of the expanded cranium. I have seen both teams play this season and in my opinion the Calgary team can do things to the team from the north."

There will be lots of time next year for Calgary to show what it can do. In the meanwhile let the Albertan man and his friends join hands heartily with the clubs from the north and bring about the formation of a league.

Wilfrid Forbes of Wetaskiwin has the art of refereeing down to perfection and his work in the second Edmonton-Strathcona match won all sorts of compliments for him. He is a valuable friend for the game.

Hon. Mr. Cushing told the Legislature the other day to "think provincially." It is good advice for Albertan sportsmen.

A Cornwall hockey player named Decourt is dead as a result of injuries sustained in a game with

the Ottawa Victorias. Charles Masson who struck him on the head is under arrest. Judging from the record of the present winter, Ottawa raises a poor kind of sport. If Masson's action was deliberate, he cannot be punished too severely. Local prejudice may, however, have distorted the reports that were sent out.

The city league has drawn to a finish. The intermediates defended the bankers and Heimnicks the High School during the past week. Fast hockey was displayed in both games.

On Tuesday the intermediates landed the championship by defeating Heimnicks by 3-1.

Chalk, the well-known Lacombe player, succumbed to pneumonia last week.

Baseball matches between local nines have been drawing crowds in Lethbridge almost every day for two weeks past.

The Alberta Football Association will hold its annual meeting at the Alberta Hotel, Edmonton, on Good Friday. The membership fee is \$5 per club. It is expected that the district system will be adopted and that a suitable trophy will be provided. Every club in the province should be represented.

Rory McLennan, the former M.P. for Glengary, died the other day in Cornwall. His name is little known to the present generation of athletes but in his time he had no equals in his line of sport. As a hammer-thrower he has never been approached in the Dominion. The circumstances of his retirement from athletics were tragic. He was throwing the hammer at a Caledonian gathering, when a little girl got in the way and was killed. Mr. McLennan never again participated in a contest.

It is of interest to note in connection with this year's entries for the King's Plate, that the well-known names of Hendrie and Dymont still appear though both of these famous horsemen have died within the year. It is the evident intention of the sons to carry on their fathers' stables. In each case, they have a fine tradition of sportsmanship to maintain.

COVER POINT.

BORN

Russell—In Wetaskiwin on the 4th inst., to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Russell of Wavy Lake, a daughter.

Wallace—In Wetaskiwin on the 5th inst., to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wallace, a son.

Wilson—On Monday, to Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Wilson, Douglas St., Red Deer, a son.

Allen—On March 6, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. G. Allen, Riverside Drive Red Deer, a son.

MARRIED

Haughn-Morgenson—At the Methodist parsonage, Strathcona, on Wednesday March 6th, by the Rev. T. J. Johnston, M.A., B.D., Mr. James Haughn to Miss B. M. Morgenson, both of Strathcona.

Pike-West—At the residence of the bride's mother, Wetaskiwin, on March 5th, Miss Georgia Kathleen West to Frank Pike, manager of the Merchants' Bank, Camrose.

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And ever through their branches bare,
Singing the dirge of all things fair
The drear winds blow.

And ever onward drifts the snow
Over the wide field pallid in white,
Over the dazzling sheet of light
That blotteth God's green earth from sight
Nestled below.

And the wind's anthem, long and low
The marble earth in silence stern
Hearing, sleeps on in unconcern
Waiting the hour of life's return
The warm spring's glow.

Awake, O earth, that sleepest slow,
The day thou seekest is at hand
Thy life returneth to thy land
The abyss of death is once more spanned
Awake! Awake and see thy jailer go!

—Bernard K. Sandwell.

Spring has come. Let no one deny it, for in addition to the small boy's bulky bag of marbles everywhere in evidence, I note the Lounger has broken into poetry. This he did a year ago, about this time, and on that occasion I promptly consigned the winter garments back to their moth ball repose, knowing full well that the Lounger's verse and spring inevitably recur at one and the same time. I just forgot at this moment what inspired our poet's effort at that time, but I have no doubt it had to do with "Our Lady of the Sunshine," "Spring, Balm Spring," or something similar. This year it was necessary to strike a new tack. Should it be the early robin or the early closing? While in doubt, the Russian concert took place, and to our rhymster's hand lay his inspiration. What more picturesque than the simple little shawls worn by the Russian women throughout the audience. What theme would lend itself better for versifying? And so with an utter lack of the fine points of modern millinery, behold the Lounger seated at his desk, reeling off yards of inspiration in which the words "plush" and "wings" play a prominent part, though, becoming woefully tangled up, he has to admit he really would have to call in the services of the editor of the social column to attempt a description.

Personally I'm not given to describing creations I've never seen, having enough, and to spare, of hats and gowns that come under my notice, but I can give my co-ed. a pointer on the fact that we no longer use "plush." Plush! where did I hear the word before? Not more recently, I'll be bound, than in Thackeray's "Vanity Fair," where I do believe there is some mention of someone having a wrap made of the clumsy fabric. But evidently it wasn't the composition of the poet's muse, so much as the thought what would happen in case the wearer of it undertook to "lay her head on my shoulder," which very tenderly he pictures the shawl girl as doing in his soulfully immortal lines.

Just here I may ease his mind by the assurance that you couldn't bribe a girl with any sort of a creation on her head to attempt

any such thing. More than that the theatre is not considered the correct place for indulging in demonstrations of that nature.

Now I know that the Lounger's taste in hats, that is for men, run along the lines of those sporty crushable affairs that succeed in making a man look like an actor just off the Bowery. His ties are by preference those unholy greens and wine purples that make you feel unhappily dyspeptic a block away, while the general cut of his clothes runs to extreme effects, shapely newmarkets for street wear and long-tailed frocker affairs for the office, which hardly come under the heading of the neat and simple. Whence then his diatribe on our little vanities?

Perhaps our friend will last of all explain why he doesn't affect the sheepskin, which is certainly simpler and undoubtedly more picturesque than his present costume. Oh well! the day he walks down Jasper in the costume I have suggested, that day will the society editor consent to don a kerchief. In the meantime there's no use taking issue with him.

Rondelet.

A scent of rose
Or violet
Naught to me blows
But vain regrets.

For goodness knows
Where I might get
A cent for rose
Or violet.

I'd fain propose,
But in our set
Who flowerless goes
Ne'er won as yet
Assent from Rose
Or Violet.

—Smart Set.

Aren't you just aching to get out of doors again? Wouldn't you give a month of Sundays to see a bare brown road, green grass, running water, and to get into a fresh wash frock? Next month, you promise yourself, the snow will all have disappeared, you'll be playing golf, or beginning to think of your summer vacation. But oh these days in between, will they never end!

Apparently not, for you go to bed with the streets clear to find on awakening that the snow is falling briskly. And so the dreary days of early spring drag on. You wonder, fitfully, what it's like out at the coast just now; someone has written you that people are all wearing their thin frocks there, that spring hats are as common as leaves on a tree, and that the flowers out of doors are all in bloom.

At that your heart rises up in your throat for pity that you are not there to see them, to smell them, that you may not don your spring millinery for fear of ridicule.

Weeks back you stole down to the store to purchase it, and to handle some of the lovely, dainty muslins and fine stuffs that breathed of warm summer days and green things, and new life and hope and all the rest of it, but they are still lying upstairs, packed safely away, while the air seems to get, if any-

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easily beat this record made over hundreds of townships. To have left Southern Alberta as it was, a cattle country solely, meant that we all should drift on indefinitely without much aim or object in life little knowing whither we were headed. Winter wheat a success, the pilot could straighten his course and had something to steer by, and now we are all heading one way whether we know it or not, to support our winter wheat. The city clerk with a billed shirt on, and \$10 per week or less to live upon, thinks himself far superior to the farmer with 20,000 bushels of grain in the bin, but he, in his majesty, is working for winter wheat. My Lord the office boy to the newspaper, acknowledged to be the one that runs the paper, is also working for winter wheat. No matter what we are doing we have a set course now in Southern Alberta and are building mills, raising elevators, putting up electric light plants and installing water works, booming real estate and selling it, laying out future cities, in fact just jumping along hitting the ground in the high places, all on winter wheat. We must regret the bygone days of the puncher, the rope and the steer in his wild and woolly state, and it is no longer fashionable to ride in or out of town with your face to the horse's tail shooting at the chimney pots. The whiskey is better then it was and we are sobering up, on winter wheat, getting steady. Winter wheat is leading to the cultivation of barley for brewer. The Clyde, the Shire and the Percheron are running out the cayuse and it is more profitable to breed draft horses than cow ponies, all by reason of winter wheat. We have good soil, a fairly dry soil and cool nights, all in favor of hard wheat and hard winter wheat. Winter wheat is our basis of value now, the work on which we build present or future prosperity. Winter wheat is our father, mother and family rolled in to one and it is not saying much too much when we say that winter wheat created Southern Alberta. A cattle country is a thinly populated region, just a ranch or two in a hole or two far away from each other. Winter wheat settles a country, cuts us up in little lots, builds towns, starts the wheels of machinery, brings people to the country and furnishes bread as well as meat. When winter wheat became a success we had arrived and we are here, to stay; and mostly what we need now, is transportation, lots of it quickly to put crops on the market, for there is too much loss of time and energy in hauling grain long distances. The merchant also suffers for his grain and cannot buy goods; his purchasing power is curtailed. Roads and railroads are the most important things to consider today and every day they stay away from us means so much loss. Winter wheat will build them and pay for them, especially if we still raise good stock or better stock and diversify. But still, when all is considered, winter wheat is the father and the mother of Southern Alber-

ta and thus was she born into a goodly heritage.

"And not by Eastern windows only, When daylight comes, comes in the light, In front, the sun climbs slow, how slowly, But Westward, look, the land is bright."

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How to make Farming pay

BY ARTHUR HIVES, PENHOLD.

This is truly an age of competition, in every branch of industry; and, in this great agricultural country, of course the farming industry is by far the greatest.

The question is often asked. How can we compete with other countries, which are so much nearer the consuming point? I think everyone will agree, that the answer will be, either to be able to produce a better quality or a greater quantity; generally by producing the former we obtain the latter.

Take for instance the farmer who is careful about his crop rotation; he will come out a way ahead of his neighbor who likes to be able to say how many acres he has in crop. How often a farmer will look at a poor crop in the summer, and say, "I will summer fallow or do something for that field next year." Next spring all these good resolutions go to the wind, and he thinks only of getting in as much as he can, with the result that the crop is worse than ever and with more weeds.

Now we will take oats as an example as that is the largest crop grown around here. Often we find a man putting in oats after barley; next year he wonders how it is that the grade of oats is lowered more on account of having barley in than anything else. If we want to get the best prices for our grain we must produce what is required. If we are selling oats the buyer expects oats, not oats barley and weeds. If by cleaning his grain the farmer can realize two cents per bush more, I think it is that farmer's duty to clean it. Why should he pay freight on weeds? which he does indirectly if shipped through the middleman. Then again we find that the grade is lowered because the shipment no matter how good, is made up of mixed varieties. Now here is the remedy. We have branches of the A. F. A. and there is much that they can do. I would advocate that a branch of the A. F. A. agree upon getting this year good seed of not more than two varieties, say Banner and Ligowo or any good variety, and each farmer sow (on the best ground he has) as much as will give him seed enough for his next year's entire crop. I think by following out this method, by keeping the seed clean, and making every shipment of one variety, we should secure at least the best prices going, and we may be able to raise the Alberta oats to a still higher standard.

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this year's exhibition. All parts of the province were well represented and the prize-winners came from a wide variety of districts. The holding of the poultry and pet stock show in connection with the fair was an excellent move. The barking of the dogs and the cackling of the poultry downstairs sometimes interfered to a slight extent with the lectures and classes upstairs, but these features brought

many to view the seed exhibit who otherwise would not have been present. Among those in attendance was Vice-President Woolford of the A.F.A., who was in receipt of many congratulations on the clean sweep made by Cardston district in Alberta Red. The success won by Medicine Hat from which most people are not in the habit of expecting much in a purely agricultural line, was a notable event. In

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oats Northern Alberta led the province, as it does the world. As Hon. Frank Oliver said at the fair last year, the man who has the best oats in the Edmonton district has the satisfaction of knowing that he has the best oats to be found anywhere. The school competition evoked much interest and undoubtedly serves an excellent purpose.

The prize list in detail was as follows:

CLASS I, ALBERTA RED.

1. Wm. Levitt, Levitt; 2. Thomas Levitt, Levitt; 3. Wm. A. Woolford, Cardston; 4. Thos. Woolford, Cardston; 5. Frank Cresmon, Cardston.

CLASS II, WINTER SOFT.

1. Wm. Frank, Didsbury; 2. F. W. Kinhan, Olds; 3. S. D. Boyd, Bowden.

CLASS III, RED FIFE.

1. Harvey Woolley, Medicine Hat; 2. Joseph Atkinson, Medicine Hat; 3. Ivan R. Lindsay, Clover Bar; 4. Wm. Kieth, Clover Bar; 5. Adolph Johnson, Clover Bar; 6. B. S. Crest, Lethbridge.

CLASS IV, SPRING WHEAT, OTHER THAN RED FIFE.

1. Alex Woolley, Medicine Hat; 2. Jos. T. Card, Cardston; 3. Geo. White, Red Deer; 4. Wm. Nolan, Kneehill Valley; 5. Thos. Levitt, Levitt.

CLASS V, OATS BANNER.

1. S. C. Hagen, Winterburn; 2. P. Gecko, Clover Bar; 3. R. McAllister, Strathcona; 4. W. Smeltzer, Edmonton; 5. A. J. Stannard, Strathcona; 6. Adolph Johnson, Clover Bar.

CLASS VI, OATS, ANY OTHER, LONG OR MILLING VARIETY.

1. H. J. Bowden, Cardston; 2. John Milligan, New Lamm; 3. S. C. Hagen, Winterburn; 4. Lars Jensen, Olds; 5. E. Alpaugh, Conjuging Creek; 6. Magnus Pearson, Colmar; 7. Wm. Kieth, Clover Bar; 8. B. Andrews, Strathcona.

CLASS VII, OATS, SHORT OR FEEDING VARIETY.

1. R. Fisher, Spruce Grove; 2. Albert Longbeed, Bowden; 3. B. Alpaugh, Conjuging Creek; 4. Earnest Johannsen, Strathcona.

CLASS VIII, BARLEY TWO ROWED.

1. F. H. Herbert, Strathcona; 2. T. H. Woolford, Cardston; 3. F. Dorward, Edmonton; 4. G. R. Skinner, Bowden.

CLASS IX, BARLEY SIX ROWED.

1. A. Von Mielecki, Calgary; 2. J. J. Richards, Red Deer; 3. Adolph Johnson, Clover Bar; 4. Napoleon Gagne, Spruce Grove.

SCHOOL DISTRICT COMPETITION.

The A. F. A. Strathcona branch offered prizes for the best exhibit of seed grains from the various school districts within a radius of twelve miles of Edmonton and Strathcona.

The results are as follows:
First, East Edmonton; second, Salisbury; third, Colechester.

In each school district there were individual prizes offered for wheat, oats, and barley. Results are—

Clover Bar S. D.—Wheat—1, Adolph Johnson; 2. S. Symons; 3. Fred T. Jackson.

Oats—1, P. Hecko; 2. J. O. Parmenter; 3. Adolph Johnson.

Barley—Adolph Johnson.
Colechester—Wheat—1, Mr. Harkey, Strathcona; 2. R. McAllister; 3. A. B. McKetcher.

Oats—1, R. McAllister; 2. B. Andrews; 3. E. Johannsen.

Barley—1, R. McAllister; 2. B. Andrews; 3. E. Johannsen.

East Edmonton District—Wheat—1, Mr. Mills; 2. W. B. C. Chamberlain; 3. Mr. Gerard.

Oats—1, Mr. McConnell; 2. W. B. C. Chamberlain; 3. S. Fulton.

Barley—1, F. H. Herbert; 2. S. Fulton; 3. Salishbury S.D.—Wheat—1, Geo. Hall; 2. Boyd Bishop; 3. Ralph Hubbert.

Oats—1, J. S. Lozier; 2. W. Smeltzer; 3. T. Dorward.

Barley—1, T. Stannard; 2. G. Stannard; 3. A. J. Stannard.

Poplar S.D.—Oats—1, James Hodgins; 2. Oliver S.D.—Wheat—1, Ralph Wier, Ellerslie.

Oats—1, J. Govenlock, Ellerslie.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

T. Daly's prize for Banner Oats exhibited by boy who secured seed from Mr. Daly last spring—1, Ivan S. Lindsay, Clover Bar.

J. R. Boyle's prize for best Red Fife in Sturgeon electoral district—J. A. McLeod, Edmonton.

J. K. Boyle's prize for oats in Sturgeon electoral district—John Mulligan, New Lamm.

Mr. Ritchie, prize, Edmonton Milling Co., for best red fife in any school district—Mr. Mills, Strathcona.

The addresses delivered by W. C. McKillican of Calgary, representative of the seed branch of the Dominion department of agriculture, as well as the classes conducted by him were of the highest educational value. The need of pure seed he most strongly emphasized and called particular attention to the fact that a seed laboratory is now in operation in Calgary, where any farmer may send his grain to be tested free of charge.

Mayor Griesbach in extending a welcome to the city to those present took occasion, though a Conservative, to congratulate the government on appointing to the position of deputy minister of agriculture so competent a man as Mr. Harcourt.

Arch. Mitchell, chief weed inspector, gave one of his well-known talks on the methods of ridding the land of weeds. A visitor who impressed all who came into touch with him as an agricultural enthusiast with the ability to do much for the calling in the province was W. H. Fairfield, director of the experimental farm at Lethbridge. Mr. Fairfield gave a most interesting talk on alfalfa.

The poultry exhibit was a revelation to most of those who had the good fortune to be present and indicates what a future should be in store for this industry in the province.

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There always have been liars and there probably always will be. Some have attained distinction and others who were more entitled to it have had merely a local reputation. It would be interesting to submit to a popular vote the question as to whom the prize as the greatest liar on record should be awarded. If this took place I would have candidate of my own. My award would be: First prize, Oswald Benninghoven; honorable mention Ananias. In order that Mr. Benninghoven should not go down into oblivion, I propose, through this humble medium, to introduce him to the readers of the Saturday News. He lives in Long Island, Kansas, and under date of Jan. 24, 1907, he wrote a letter to the Blue Valley Blade, published at Seward, Kansas.

"I was in Canada last May and June," he writes, "and was all over Alberta and Assiniboia and I will give you a few of the shady points of that country."

Assiniboia was not in existence last May and June but of course a little thing like that doesn't matter.

"I don't like the idea of going to a country and waiting for the climate to change," he continues, "and that is what the land agent up there tells you if he finds out that someone has told you about the frost they have there all summer. There is only one month in the year that they don't expect frost, and that is July, in Alberta. About every other night while I was there we had frost, and a few times ice over one fourth of an inch thick. Almost anyone going to that country expects a long lonely winter, but I find the main trouble is with the summer. It has too much winter in with it. While I was there we had snow twice. It's about as an American, from Iowa, told me; he had been there for five years and they had had eight months winter, and four months late in the fall, a year. I am speaking of Central and Northern Alberta. Southern Alberta is a very dry country and lots of poor land, no good, only for cattle in good years, some winters they lose a large per cent. Their fall wheat in Alberta was practically all winter-killed

although they had the mildest winter that the old timers have ever experienced. Spring wheat will not do well on account of the short season, and oats the same way. They do raise oats some years, and of the very early kind, but as a rule, a large per cent of all crops are cut for hay on account of the early frost. Sometimes they have snow a foot deep in their standing crop in August. They are liable to have snow any time after the 20th of August."

We could afford to laugh at such home news from abroad as this, if it were not for the flaming effect which it is likely to have on those who are not in a position to dispute the statements. He refers particularly to the summer of 1900, which in Alberta was one of the most beautiful as well as one of the most bountiful that anyone could wish for. There was no sign of snow from April till November. The province's wheat can hold its own with the best to be found anywhere and its oats have at two world's fairs been shown to be the finest in the world. Mr. Benninghoven's talents should not be wasted on Long Island. It is doubtful if they are. If he could be traced, he would probably be found holding down a desk in some Western American land or railway corporation's office.

Judge has a drawing which applies locally in view of one of the amendments to the liquor license ordinance introduced by the attorney-general.

"What are they moving the church for?" says one man to another.

"Well, stranger," is the reply, "I'm mayor of these diggins, and I'm for law enforcement. We've got an ordinance what says no saloon shall be nearer than 300 feet from a church. I gave 'em three days to move the church."

"Beg pardon, sir," said the man in the suit of faded black, "but are you carrying all the life insurance you want?"

"Yes, sir," answered the man at the desk, "I am."

"Could I interest you in a morocco-bound edition of the works of William Makepeace Thackeray?"

"You could not."

"Do you need a germ-proof filter at your house?"

"I do not."

"Would you invest in a second-hand typewriter if you could get it cheap?"

"I have no use for a typewriter."

"Just so. Would an offer to supply you with first-class imported Havana cigars at \$10 a hundred appeal to you?"

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"Oh, you are too extravagant."

"Extravagant?"

"Yes. Anything as small as your foot only requires one stamp."

And then she smiled and said he was clever enough to write jokes for a minstrel show.

Methuselah was walking in his garden.

"My goodness," he exclaimed suddenly, "there's another flower on that century plant! Why, it seems but yesterday since I plucked a blossom from it."

He walked slowly toward an oak tree 200 years old which he had tenderly raised from an acorn.

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Richards, Calgary, J. E. Clarke, Lethbridge, A. W. Foley, Edmonton, R. J. Manson, Edmonton, V. T. Richards, Strathcona, J. A. Stovel, Edmonton, R. Barnes, Edmonton, W. S. Williamson, Edmonton, whose Rose Comb brown Leghorns call for special mention. H. A. Samis Olds, J. Thompson, Edmonton, T. H. Stevenson, Vermilion, Mrs H. W. Heathcote, Edmonton, W. Carter, Lethbridge, T. H. Hill Clover Bar, who swept everything in Silver spangled Hamburgs, D. McDonald, Edmonton, E. L. Richardson, Calgary, whose light Brahmas were a feature, F. Bishopric, Edmonton, Mrs W. F. Widdis, Edmonton, J. M. Craig, Edmonton, J. J. Richards, Red Deer, J. E. Landry, Edmonton, Charles Tascon, Edmonton, J. S. Wilson, Lamoureux, who had everything his own way in ducks.

This list of prize winners shows from what a wide area the exhibitors came and what an interest was aroused in the exhibition. The work of the judge, George Woods of Winnipeg, was universally commended.

To the secretary W. A. Fife and the assistant secretary, Mr. Knowles, much praise is due for the untiring energy which they displayed.

The addresses on the poultry subjects were listened to with keen attention. A. W. Foley, the provincial government poultry expert, gave much information of value of a technical character. Mr. Harcourt directed attention to the great possibilities of poultry raising in Alberta. It was not right, he declared, that \$100,000 worth of poultry should be imported into the province annually, as was now the case. He urged the necessity of improving the breed of poultry and dwelt upon the advantages of a careful study of the poultry bulletin issued by the department of agriculture.

At the public meeting on Friday night, which brought the fair to a close, and at which the Lieutenant-Governor presided, the minister of agriculture, Mr. Finlay, paid particular attention to the poultry work. The industry was one which the department proposed to do everything in its power to develop. Dr Riddell commended the efforts of the government, particularly in connection with the creameries.

While the exhibits at the dog show were not as numerous as was hoped for, an excellent start was made and another year a first-class exhibition should result. Mr. P. D. Walker of Calgary gave complete satisfaction as judge. The showing of Collies was good but the other classes were not filled up.

Hollywood Conquest, the prize winning Collie dog, which also won Jackson Bros' medal for the best dog of any breed, owned by Mrs Rodder of Calgary, came in for much admiration, as did the numerous collies shown by A. D. Wilson of Nanaimo, who captured the prizes for bitches and puppies.

The prize winning setter, owned by Austin De Winter, Calgary, the prize pointers shown by Mr. Bryant, and the retrievers of Mr. Adams, both also of the southern city, were worthy of places in a much more ambitious show. Aldon Tyrant, A. R. Scoble's fox terrier, captured the first prize for terriers, Rev. Mr. Kirby of Calgary, was a winner in the spaniel class. Mr. Johnson of Strathcona won out with his Dalmation and also secured the Blowe-Henry prize for the best coach dog.

Dr Riddell's lecture

Rev. Dr. Riddell's lecture on the "Prices of the Necessities of Life" although the last event of the Provincial Seed Fair was largely attended and enthusiastically received. The address was clear and exhaustive. He dealt with the various elements which go to make prices.

He declared the cost of producing an article plus a reasonable profit to the producer should determine the price, but its sometimes happens that the supply of a given article is curtailed and the demand remaining the same the price goes far beyond the cost of production plus a reasonable profit or the demand may be reduced and the supply remaining the same the price of necessity drops. In these cases supply and demand are the controlling factors. It sometimes happens that the demand for an article remains constant and the supply may be controlled by one individual or group of individuals who by refusing to make the same available can extort a fabulous price from the consumers. It also happens that the demand for an article remains constant throughout the year while the supply is produced during only a brief period.

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The Mirror.

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HOME AND SOCIETY.

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A Stander-By

"What was the matter with the society editor last week?" a number of people have queried since the last edition came out, minus any social news. Dear women, who are brave enough to confess to liking the week's gossip, nothing, absolutely nothing—I half wish now something had. The plain truth of the matter is the printer man lost the whole of the copy, which is a little way he has at times, and the man who set the regular column up added his touch of insult to injury by making me speak of "dog farmers" instead of "dog fanciers," and the poor old Lounger of "quart heures," instead of the more regularly accepted expression. My word on it we didn't know whether to shriek or boldly assault the type setter when we glanced over the paper.

There is one feature about newspaper work that should commend itself to the moral reformer. Given a decent apprenticeship a man or woman comes out of an office of this character, a philosopher, a chastened creature whom nothing can rouse, seeing you've stood about everything there is to stand, known to civilized man.

And so, when the result of hours of patient work was utterly lost, I didn't even think a brimstone word; you can become accustomed to any thing, if you'll only half try.

Of course there really wasn't much of any general importance happening last week, Mrs. Cross, the attorney general's wife, being the only large entertainer, her affairs taking the form of a series of charming dinners for the cabinet ministers and the members of the legislature, all of whom on one night or another, partook of her always delightful hospitality. Mr Cross and his wife are both decidedly popular with the entire House, and during the session, their home on Seventh street is the scene of many a smart dinner and other enjoyable functions, all of which add very materially to the social brilliance of the legislative season.

On Saturday afternoon, Mrs. Bower Campbell gave a more than usually enjoyable Bridge of six tables, the guests finding in the quaintly cosy little home the most pleasant of surroundings for an afternoon's play.

The hostess, who is herself one of our very best players, received her guest wearing a pretty black and white frock with lace garniture.

Those present included: Mrs. Cross, Mrs. Dawson, Mrs. Ewing, Mrs. Short of Calgary, Mrs. Brunt, Miss Brunt, Mrs. Scole, Mrs. McPherson, Mrs. Stone of Chatham, Mrs. Nightingale, Mrs. T. S. F. Jackson, Mrs. Jack Morris, Mrs. Saunders, Mrs. Charlesworth, Mrs. Barford, Mrs. Norquay, Mrs. Turnbull, Mrs. H. B. MacMahon, Mrs. Balmer Watt, the Misses Hudspeth, Miss Woods and Mrs. Duncan Smith.

At the conclusion of the game, Mrs. Brunt and Miss Gertrude Hudspeth were awarded two very attractive prizes, after which delicious refreshments were served.

The tea given by Miss Graves on Saturday last, was, by all accounts one of those merry events at which youth and good spirits make things go at a glorious pace.

The guests included those of the sterner sex as well as the regular tea habitués, and the afternoon was made the more enjoyable for their presence. In the handsome reception room many lovely tulips and sweet peas, added their fragrant charm to the surroundings. Here Mrs. Graves and the young hostess received their guests, the former smartly gowned in grey and lavender voile, with pretty lace garniture, Miss Graves in a vastly becoming frock of pink crepe de chine.

Harper's Orchestra discoursed a most enjoyable programme throughout the afternoon, adding an accompaniment of sweet sounds to the merry melody of conversation.

The arrangement of the tea room was particularly effective, the table being done in pale pink, the hillowy centre piece of pink tulle being centred by a tall vase of lovely pink carnations, which against the dark Flemish finish of the table, made a charming picture. Here Mrs. Ferris, Mrs. Pace and Mrs. T. S. F. Jackson presided, while Miss Gladys McLean, Miss. Sommerville, Miss. Wishart and Miss. Ferris were four pretty assistants. Owing to a great pressure on space this week I have decided to omit a list of the guests, which however included the youth and beauty of the Capital city.

A great deal of pleasurable anticipation is being indulged in by those fortunate enough to be invited to Mr. Heffernan's tea on Saturday, which is to be held in the apartments of the bachelor residents of the Gariepy Block. I believe that besides Mr. Heffernan, Mr. Harry Finn, Mr. Hector and Mr. Jack Landry, Mr. Hawes and one or two others are interesting themselves in the success of the delightfully novel departure from the ordinary woman's tea party, but the whole affair is being shrouded in the deepest mystery.

Bridge is assuredly the game of the hour in Edmonton, and those who have not as yet mastered its intricacies are missing many a jolly afternoon and evening's enjoyment.

The very frequent opportunities afforded for indulging in the delightfully interesting pastime are evolving too in our midst a number of decidedly clever players as was plainly evidenced at Mrs. Ewing's midweek bridge on Tuesday, when five tables were engaged in play. Mrs. Dawson, Mrs. Barnes and Mrs. Swaisland finally capturing the three dainty prizes.

Mrs. Ewing, whose hospitality is one of the pleasantest things that can happen to you in Edmonton, was assisted in receiving by her sister, Mrs. Short of Calgary, whose hosts of friends are delighted to know will remain for some little time yet in the city.

After a series of closely contested games delicious refreshments were served, and the guests had an opportunity to discuss whether such and such a play wouldn't perhaps have been more successful than the particular one they made, for post-mortems and bridge invariably go hand in hand.

Yet another bridge hostess of the week was Mrs. Purdie, whose party on Wednesday claimed six tables of the best players among the women in town. The lovely roomy quarters looked delightfully cosy as the guests trooped in, with a liberal sprinkling of "the beautiful" on spring bonnets and wraps, and the cheery grate fire added an extra touch of comfort to the pretty scene, when, duly carded, the players were seated, deeply engrossed in the fascinating game.

It is a revelation to watch the varying expressions on the faces of those whose cards play them fair or false. If an artist were in search of a subject of concentrated interest, I would suggest that he drop in at a "Bridge"—and if he can't find it there, he has certainly missed his vocation, which, however, is to degress. The fortunate prize winners on this occasion were Miss Gertrude Hudspeth and Mrs. Bower Campbell, the first of whom plays an exceedingly clever game as does her sister, and another visitor in town, Miss Brunt.

The other guests included: Mrs. Cross, Mrs. Swaisland, Mrs. Brunt, Mrs. Short, Mrs. Ewing, Mrs. Short of Calgary, Mrs. Nightingale, Mrs. Jack Morris, Mrs. Saunders, Mrs. Turnbull, Mrs. Norquay, Mrs. Barford, Mrs. McPherson, Miss Helen Hudspeth, Madame Thibault, Mrs. Duncan Smith, Mrs. Dawson, Mrs. Balmer Watt, Miss Brunt, Mrs. Calderon, Mrs. Percy Hardisty, and Mrs. Cautley who dropped in later for tea.

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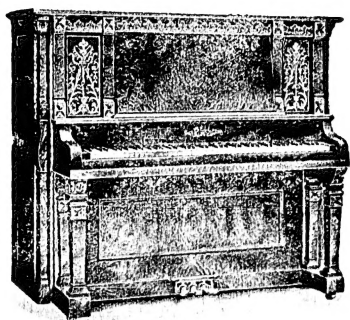
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The Mirror.

Home in honor of the members of the medical Association of Edmonton and Strathcona on Thursday night, was one of the largest social events of the week, as well as one of the most enjoyable. Their handsome new residence on Third Street is specially well adapted for entertaining, and on Thursday the rooms were made even more attractive by the quantities of lovely cut flowers and tall ferns, that everywhere adorned them. During the early part of the evening progressive euchre was indulged in, Mrs. Harwood winning the handsome first prize, while Dr. Terman carried off the consolation. Following the game a most elaborate supper was served in the commodious dining room, where the table was beautifully arranged with a shower of pink carnations and fern, Mrs. Ferris, Mrs. Wells, Mrs. Sloane, and Mrs. Dunn doing the honors of the hospitable board. After supper an impromptu dance was arranged and when the guests reluctantly bade the genial Doctor and his wife a "good-night" it was to assure them that they had had an unusually enjoyable evening.

Mrs. Scott has returned from a brief visit in Calgary, where she was the guest of honor at several informal social functions.

On Tuesday Miss. Brunton was the hostess of a jolly little luncheon of ten covers, when the guests were mostly the very young married women and her girl friends.

Mrs. B. F. Blackburn, nee Miss Kate Mahoney, held a reception at the King Edward Hotel on Wednesday last and will in future receive on the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

Mrs. J. E. Wallbridge, Mrs. Stone of Chatham, and Mrs. Geo. Stockand are spending a short holiday in Banff. From Banff Mrs. Stone will proceed to her home in the East.

Mr. and Mrs. Lane returned from their honeymoon early in the week, registering at the Cecil, but almost immediately taking possession of their new home on Fifth St.

Mr. Harold Brunton, is home from an Eastern trip.

The following from the last issue of Toronto Saturday Night will be read with much interest by the many friends in Edmonton of the popular young lady mentioned, who spent several weeks in the city last winter as the guest of Mrs. Parlee:

"I hear that Miss Marion Creelman was unfortunate enough to lose her luggage in the train fire, following on the week, which overtook the train on which she was returning to Montreal last week. Her friends are very thankful to hear that it was only her trunk and not her bright and attractive self that suffered."

Peggy

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Alberta Farmer (Continued from page 13)

the opportunity of speculators comes in. By securing control of the bulk of the years out-put at a nominal figure and being in a position to curtail the supply they are able to exact large profits from the consumers. It is at this point that the duty of the government, to interfere, arrives. It did interfere in the dairy industry with excellent results, and in making so grand a success of this, they almost imposed upon themselves the duty of doing the same in other things.

If the farmers are to be successful, their mind must be engrossed in studying the most improved methods of farming, and it is impossible for them to do this and to hold their own against men whose minds are concerned with markets only; but the government is in a position to see what the farmer cannot see; it is in a position to take hold of what the farmer cannot lay hold of and it is in a position to grapple with what the farmer cannot grapple with; it is the duty of the government to do this and not leave the great productive forces of the country to be crippled by permitting others to despoil the producers of the legitimate fruits of their labor.

Government Packing House.

The Alberta Farmers' and the Central Alberta Stock Growers' Associations took advantage of the opportunity afforded them by the provincial seed fair to interview the minister of agriculture regarding the establishment by the government of a pork packing and beef canning plant, along lines similar

to those on which the creameries are conducted.

A preliminary caucus was held in Unity Hall, Sandison Block, Edmonton, at one o'clock on Thursday afternoon. Mr. T. H. Woolford, vice-president of the A.F.A., was elected chairman of the meeting and spokesman of the delegation. A consensus of opinion was taken and a time arranged with the minister at which he would meet them.

Promptly at 10 o'clock on the following morning the delegates were ushered into the office of the minister of agriculture and cordially greeted by that gentleman.

Mr Woolford presented the views of the delegation as a whole and Mr Bowen those of the stock growers in particular. After several others of the delegation had expressed their views, the minister stated that his position as minister of agriculture imposed upon him the duty of safeguarding the interests of the farmers and stock growers, and he assured them that this duty would be fulfilled to the utmost of his ability. He hemmed the delegation that the matter which they had come to present was an important one and action would have to be taken with the greatest care and after careful deliberation.

He called attention to the fact that the province but recently entered upon the second year of its existence; that during the first year it took over and enlarged the creamery system which had been previously conducted by the Dominion government; that during the present year it was developing the poultry raising and fattening industry, and that if this worked out satisfactorily and the farmer gave

the support they had pledged to it, the department might see its way clear to undertake new enterprises in their interest.

Before leaving the city the delegates held another caucus to determine what further action would be necessary in order to prevent retrogression, and they decided among other things, to place on file with the government the following:

To the Honorable The Minister of Agriculture, Edmonton.

Sir:—

We, the delegates and officers of the Alberta Farmers' and the Central Alberta Stock Growers' Association would respectfully direct the attention of the Honorable Minister of Agriculture to the fact that there is a strong desire existing among the farmers and stock growers of the province that the provincial government undertake the equipment and operation of a pork packing, beef canning and beef chilling plant.

This desire is evidenced by resolutions hereto attached and by other resolutions which have been previously submitted to you as well as by resolutions adopted by other farmers' organizations within the province; and also by numerous articles which have from time to time appeared in the public press, many of which articles have doubtless fallen under your notice.

We would respectfully state that the cause of this dissatisfaction is the result of the following market conditions which we hold are unfair to the farmers and stockmen and detrimental to the province in general.

The public records show that the amount of pork and lard imported from Ontario and the United States approximates half a million dollars

annually, and that the price paid for the live hogs from which this imported pork and lard is made exceeds the price being paid at the packing houses in Alberta by from twenty five cents to one dollar per hundred weight.

The Weekly Live Stock Report, published in Chicago, Illinois dated February 22-1907, on page 3, shows the range of prices on that day, on common to choice hogs to be from \$6.80 to \$7.12½ per hundred weight while the price paid at the packing houses in Alberta on that day ranged from \$5.50 to \$6.25 per hundred weight.

We would also direct your attention to the fact that the canned meats offered for sale throughout the province are imported, while on the ranges and dairy farms in Alberta there are a large number of cattle of the kind required for this business for which there is practically no market.

We would also direct your attention to the fact that the price of steers is very much depressed because of the presence here of this large number of cattle which should be used for canning purposes, and that the weekly market report show that the price of our best steers, off grass, after being shrunken 12 hours, exceeds by but 25 c. per hundred weight the price usually paid in Chicago for canners weighed full.

We would further respectfully say that because of the foregoing facts, and because of the success which has attended the operation by the government of the creameries of the province, and because of our belief in government operation of industries of this kind, that we are justified in the position we have taken in this matter.

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